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The Khmer Communists have fired 16 rockets into Phnom Penh in the past several days killing and wounding nearly 50 civilians. Yesterday the insurgents sank a barge on the Mekong River carrying 200 tons of rice and ammunition to the provincial capital of Kompong Thom, 45 miles upstream from Phnom Penh.

Ground action remains centered on the far southwestern reaches of Route 4 where the communists are keeping heavy pressure on the two remaining government garrisons. Heavier fighting may be in the offing around the isolated government base at Lovek north of Phnom Penh as the communists are moving additional units into this battlefront.

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